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## AMENDMENT B SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, which was designated a Final Action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and advance prosecution.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including November 2, 2003 (which fell on a Sunday), has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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